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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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United States District Court
for the District of New Jersey
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Building
and Courthouse
50 Walnut Street
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Re: Alexander Veman v. Kenneth Williams, et al.
Civil Action No. 06-2907 (WJP)

Dear Sir or Madam:

This firm represents the Defendants, Kenneth Williams, James Rogers, Morris County School of Technology, Morris County Vocational School District and County of Morris in connection with the above-referenced matter. In that regard, attached please find Defendants' Answer and Civil Cover Sheet.

Very truly yours,

LUM, DANZIS, DRASCO & POSITAN, LLC

s/Christina Silva
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A Member of the Firm

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

ALEXANDER VEMAN,
Plaintiff,

-vs-

KENNETH WILLIAMS, individually and as Director of Adult Education at Morris County School of Technology, JAMES ROGERS, individually and as Superintendent of Morris County School of Technology, MORRIS COUNTY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY, MORRIS COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, DR. THOMAS M. KANE, Superintendent of Schools, and MORRIS COUNTY,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 2:06-cv-2907 (WJM)

**ANSWER, AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES, and
DEMAND FOR STATEMENT OF DAMAGES**

Defendants, Kenneth Williams ("Williams"), James Rogers ("Rogers"), Morris County School of Technology, Morris County Vocational School District, and Morris County (collectively referred to as "Defendants") by way of Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint, say:

I

JURISDICTION

Defendants neither admit nor deny the allegations contained in Section I (Jurisdiction) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as they call for a legal conclusion.

II

PARTIES

1. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 1 of the Complaint.
2. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 2 of the Complaint.
3. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 3 of the Complaint.
4. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 4 of the Complaint.
5. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 5 of the Complaint.
6. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 6 of the Complaint.
7. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 7 of the Complaint.

III

NATURE OF CASE

The allegations contained in Section III (Nature of Case) of the Plaintiff's Complaint call for legal conclusions, to which Defendants leave Plaintiff to his proofs thereon. As to allegations of wrongful conduct set forth in Section III (Nature of Case) of the Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny the allegations.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

1. Defendants neither admit nor deny the allegations in Paragraph 1 of the "Factual Allegations" section of the Complaint, as they call for a legal conclusion.
2. Defendants neither admit nor deny the allegations in Paragraph 2 of the "Factual Allegations" section of the Complaint, as they call for a legal conclusion.
3. Defendants neither admit nor deny the allegations in Paragraph 3 of the "Factual Allegations" section of the Complaint, as they call for a legal conclusion.
4. Defendants neither admit nor deny the allegations in Paragraph 4 of the "Factual Allegations" section of the Complaint, as they call for a legal conclusion.
5. Defendants neither admit nor deny the allegations in Paragraph 5 of the "Factual Allegations" section of the Complaint, as they call for a legal conclusion.
6. Defendants admit that there was a meeting between Kenneth Williams and the Plaintiff, Alexander Veman ("Plaintiff") and his parents regarding the Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning (HVAC) Program offered at the Morris County School of Technology, in or about June 2005. Defendants further admit having knowledge that Plaintiff was hearing impaired. Defendants deny the remainder of the allegations in Paragraph 6 of the Complaint.
7. Defendants admit that there was a second meeting between Kenneth Williams and Plaintiff in or about July 2005, where a sign language interpreter was provided by Defendants. Defendants deny the remainder of the allegations in Paragraph 7 of the Complaint.
8. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 8 of the Complaint, and leave Plaintiff to his proofs thereon.

9. Defendants admit that Plaintiff was accepted as a student to enter into the HVAC Program at the Morris County Vocational School District. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 9 of the Complaint as to the date of acceptance.

10. Defendants admit that Kenneth Williams communicated with Plaintiff via email toward the end of August, 2005, but deny the remainder of the allegations in Paragraph 10 of the Complaint.

11. Defendants admit that newspaper ads were placed for a sign language interpreter and that Plaintiff attended school full-time. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 8 of the Complaint as they relate to the characterization of sign language interpreting, and leave Plaintiff to his proofs thereon. Defendants deny the remainder of the allegations contained in Paragraph 10 of the Complaint,

12. Defendants admit that from September 2005 through mid-November 2005, Plaintiff attended school without an interpreter. Defendants further admit that there were some communications with Plaintiff and his parents. Defendants deny the remainder of the allegations in Paragraph 12 of the Complaint.

13. Defendants admit that on or about September 12, 2005, Plaintiff and his parents provided defendants with a list of interpreters from the Fair Lawn Deaf Program. Defendants deny the remainder of the allegations in Paragraph 13 of the Complaint.

14. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 14 of the Complaint as they relate to communications between Plaintiff's father and Dr. Kane, and leave Plaintiff to his proofs thereon. Defendants deny the remainder of the allegations in Paragraph 14 of the Complaint.

15. Defendants admit that in or about October 2005, a meeting took place with Plaintiff, Ms. Wlazlowski, John DeMarco, Mr. Williams, and interpreter. Defendants further admit that there was

discussion at the meeting about Plaintiff having a sign language interpreter. Defendants deny the remainder of the allegations in Paragraph 15 of the Complaint.

16. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 16 of the Complaint as they relate to communications between Plaintiff's father and an attorney, and leave Plaintiff to his proofs thereon. Defendants admit that the school advertised in the newspapers for a sign language interpreter. Defendants deny the remainder of the allegations in Paragraph 16 of the Complaint.

17. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 17 of the Complaint as they relate to the recommendation and use of the I-communicator, and leave Plaintiff to his proofs thereon. Defendants admit that on or about October 22, 2006, DVR provided the I-communication system. Defendants deny the remainder of the allegations in Paragraph 17 of the Complaint.

18. Defendants admit that at the end of October, 2005, Ms. Wlazlowski communicated with Mr. Williams, and told the school that she knew of an interpreter, Anna Terrazzino. Defendants further admit that Ms. Terrazzino was hired as an interpreter. Defendants deny the remainder of the allegations in Paragraph 18 of the Complaint.

19. Defendants admit that Plaintiff failed his first exam. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 19 of the Complaint as they relate to Plaintiff's prior schooling, and leave Plaintiff to his proofs thereon. Defendants admit that Plaintiff sent a letter to Mr. Rogers regarding the exam. Defendants deny the remainder of the allegations in Paragraph 19 of the Complaint.

20. Defendants admit that Plaintiff had communication with Mr. Rogers. Defendants further admit that Anna Terrazzino was provided as an interpreter for Plaintiff on or about November 16,

2005. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 20 of the Complaint as they relate to communications between DVR and Ms. Terrazzino, and leave Plaintiff to his proofs thereon. Defendants deny the remainder of the allegations in Paragraph 20 of the Complaint.

21. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 21 of the Complaint.

22. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 22 of the Complaint.

FIRST COUNT

TITLE II OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

23. Defendants neither admit nor deny the allegations in Paragraph 23 of the Complaint as they call for a legal conclusion, and leave Plaintiff to his proofs thereon.

24. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 24 of the Complaint.

- (a) Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 24(a) of the Complaint.
- (b) Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 24(b) of the Complaint.
- (c) Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 24(c) of the Complaint.
- (d) Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 24(d) of the Complaint.

25. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 25 of the Complaint.

SECOND COUNT

TITLE III OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

26. Defendants neither admit nor deny the allegations in Paragraph 26 of the Complaint as they call for legal conclusions, and leave Plaintiff to his proofs thereon.

27. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 27 of the Complaint.

- (a) Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 27(a) of the Complaint.
- (b) Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 27(b) of the Complaint.

- (c) Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 27(c) of the Complaint.
- (d) Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 27(d) of the Complaint.
- (e) Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 27(e) of the Complaint.

28. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 28 of the Complaint.

THIRD COUNT

SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

29. Defendants neither admit nor deny the allegations in Paragraph 29 of the Complaint as they call for legal conclusions, and leave Plaintiff to his proofs thereon.

30. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 30 of the Complaint.

31. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 31 of the Complaint.

32. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 32 of the Complaint.

33. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 33 of the Complaint.

THIRD COUNT */sic/*

NEW JERSEY LAW AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

34. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 34 of the Complaint.

FOURTH COUNT

INTENTIONAL INFILCTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

35. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 35 of the Complaint.

CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

Defendants repeat and reallege its answers to Paragraphs 1 through 35 inclusive of the Complaint.

297. The allegations in Paragraphs 36 through 40 inclusive of the Complaint assert legal conclusions to which no response is required from Defendants.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's Complaint fails to state a cause of action

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted as against Defendants.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the applicable statutes of limitation and/or the equitable defenses of laches and estoppel.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Defendants' conduct was not the proximate cause of the Plaintiff's alleged damages.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Defendants did not violate any duty owed to the Plaintiff under common law or by statute or otherwise.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

At all times relevant, the Defendants complied with all applicable laws, regulations and standards.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's Complaint is barred by virtue of the doctrine of unclean hands.

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims are barred and/or are otherwise only partially recoverable under the New Jersey Tort Claims Act, N.J.S.A. 59:1-1, et seq.

NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims are barred by the doctrine of charitable immunity.

TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Defendants' conduct was not palpably unreasonable and the Defendants can therefore not be held liable under the Tort Claims Act.

ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

All or some of Plaintiff's claims are barred because Defendants acted in good faith and without malice or intent to injure Plaintiffs at all times.

TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

All or some of Plaintiff's claims are barred because all decisions made by Defendants were based upon legitimate, good faith reasons, and in compliance with non-discriminatory policies and practices.

THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

All or some of Plaintiff's claims are barred because Defendants did not breach any legal or contractual duty owed to Plaintiffs.

FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

All or some of Plaintiff's claims are barred because Plaintiff cannot demonstrate that injury was caused by any actions undertaken by Defendants.

FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

All or some of Plaintiff's claims are barred because Defendants engaged in no acts of discrimination toward Plaintiff.

SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

All or some of Plaintiff's claims are barred by virtue of the conduct of third parties over which Defendants had no control.

SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

All or some of Plaintiff's claims are barred because Defendants did not engage in any conduct which was a violation of the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq.

EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims for punitive damages must fail as Defendants did not engage in conduct which would permit recovery of same.

NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims against Defendants for punitive damages must fail as Defendants neither actually participated in, nor demonstrated any willful indifference to, alleged discrimination of Plaintiff.

TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Any allegations or prayers for relief set forth in the Complaint that are not expressly admitted, denied or otherwise responded to are hereby denied.

TWENTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendants reserve the right to assert such additional affirmative defenses discovered or identified during the course of this litigation.

WHEREFORE, Defendants, Kenneth Williams, James Rogers, Morris County School of Technology, Morris County Vocational School District, and Morris County demand entry of

Judgment in their favor and against Plaintiff, dismissing with prejudice all claims for relief set forth in the Complaint against Defendants with the award of attorneys' fees, costs of suit and such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Ronald Kevitz
Morris County Counsel

Dated: August 24, 2006

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DEMAND FOR STATEMENT OF DAMAGES

Pursuant to Rule 8.1 of the Local Rules of the District of New Jersey, Defendants demand a written statement of the amount of damages claimed by Plaintiff, Alexander Veman, within ten (10) days of service of the within Answer.

Ronald Kevitz
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CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO L.CIV.R. 11.2

The undersigned certifies and declares that the matter in controversy is not the subject of any other action pending in any other court, or of any pending arbitration or administrative proceeding contemplated by this answering Defendant at this time.

Ronald Kevitz
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CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 18th day of April 2006, a true copy of the foregoing was served via facsimile and regular mail on the following:

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

Alexander Veman

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(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

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DEFENDANTS

Kenneth Williams, Individually and as Director of Adult Education at Morris County School of Technology; James Rogers, Individually and as Superintendent of Morris County School of Technology; Morris County School of Technology; Morris County Vocational School District and County of Morris

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant _____

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE LAND INVOLVED

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II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION

(Place An "X" In One Box Only)

<input type="checkbox"/> 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 U.S. Government Defendant	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place An "X" In One Box for Plaintiff And One Box For Defendant)

	PTF	DEF	PTF	DEF	
Citizen of This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Citizen of Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place An "X" In One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
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				FEDERAL TAX SUITS <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS - Third Party 26 USC 7609
				<input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes

V. ORIGIN (Place An "X" In One Box Only)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
Original Proceeding	Removed from State Court	Remanded from Appellate Court	Reinstated or Reopened	Transferred from another district (specify)	Multidistrict Litigation	Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judge

(Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Brief description of cause:
Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION
UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

DEMAND \$
CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:
JURY DEMAND: YES NO
VIII. RELATED CASE(S) (See instructions):

IF ANY

JUDGE _____

DOCKET NUMBER _____

DATE

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

August 24, 2006

s/ Edward R. McMahon, Esq.

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RECEIPT # _____ AMOUNT _____ APPLYING IFP _____ JUDGE _____ MAG. JUDGE _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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I. (a) Plaintiffs-Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.

(b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)

(c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".

II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1335 and 1338. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.

IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.

V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.**

Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553

Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service

VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

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